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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner is kindly thanked for the review of the specification that was done. A further review has indicated no further corrections that are required to be made. However, paragraphs 17, 53, 57, and 58 have been amended to overcome each of the informalities noted by the Examiner.

Again, the careful review by the Examiner is appreciated.

As will be seen, claims 10 to 19 have been withdrawn. Further amendments and refinements have been made to the practice mat which was originally taught in those claims, and Applicant reserves the right to file a continuation-in-part application, depending from this application, but teaching and claiming the improved practice mat.

Since claim 16 has been withdrawn, it appears that there is no necessity for support for the microprocessor which was claimed therein to be shown in the drawings, and no correction to the drawings is therefore proposed.

Moreover, all of the Examiner's objections with respect to the withdrawn claims 10 to 19 are rendered moot.

The Examiner has noted a correction which should be made in claim 6, and that amendment has been made accordingly.

Applicant notes the allowability of claims 2 to 7, as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. What applicant has done is to amend claim 1 so that it is, in effect, claim 2 written in independent form.

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Thus the teachings of former claims 1 and 2 have been combined in amended claim 1; and claim 2 has been cancelled, accordingly.

That being the case, there can be no objection to claims 8 or 9, since they also depend from newly allowable claim 1 (claim 2 written in independent form). Therefore, Applicant now asserts amended claim 1 and claims 3 to 9, and submits that those claims are all in allowable condition since claim 1 is allowable as noted above.

Once again, the Examiner is kindly thanked for the care that has been given to the review of this application, as evidenced in the preparation of the Official Action being responded to.

Applicant believes that, through this Response, all attempts have been made in good faith to address all outstanding issues. Thus, entry of this Response into the file, and allowance of this application, are earnestly solicited.

Extension Fee

Applicant is making this response in within the one month extension, so the applicable extension fee should be charged to the Agent's deposit account, as particularized on the Fee Transmittal Form for FY2004 PTO/SB/17

Conclusions

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this application.

Respectfully submitted;



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